administering authorities within 90 days from the date on which the prescribed formalities are completed by the applicant.

Drinking water in Vasant Vihar, Delhi

338. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 787 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1987 and State:

(a) whether, the Booster Pumping Station at Dear Park has been completed;

(b) if so, when;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the full requirement of the Government Colony, Vasant Vihar is being met;

(e) if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that this pumping station has been completed in 1989.

(c) In view of reply to part (b) above, question does not arise.

(d) to (f) This colony is under command of Deer Park Booster Station which is supplying 7 MGD of water against a total requirement of 15 MGD. Hence, against a total requirement of 4 lacs gallons per day, a restricted supply of 2 lacs gallons per day is being maintained. The position is likely to improve after commissioning the second 100 MGD Water Treatment Plan presently under execution and 20 MGD water is made available from that Plant for South Delhi.

Unauthorised Construction in Delhi

339. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA propose to take up a massive Urban Development Plan with a view to check the unauthorised construction in the city;

(b) whether such a paln has been finalised by the DDA;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent the unauthorised development of the city is likely to be controlled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) There is no development plan as such to check unauthorised construction. However, action under Delhi Development Act is taken by Delhi Development Authority against the unauthorised constructions as soon as these come to notice in respect of areas declared as Development Areas.

The recommendations of a High Level Committee constituted by the Delhi High Court recently envisages various measure including amendments to Building Regulations and Construction. DDA reports that the demolition of unauthorised structures over the last three years have had a salutary effect on checking the problem.

Free Accommodation to People below Poverty Line

340. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide free accommodation to

those who are below the poverty line in the urban area;

(b) what proposals are with the Government to clear all slums in the metropolitan cities and other towns; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to arrest the mushroom growth of slums in the urban area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) "Urban Development" is a State subject and specific schemes of slum clearance|improvement are formulated and implemented by the State Governments in accordance with their need and priorities. The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on the Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums rather than massive clearance and resettlement. There is a scheme for slum improvement in the State Sector under the Minimum Needs Programme called "Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums". Under this programme, basic amenities like low cost water supply, drainage, community baths and latrines, widening and paving of lanes and street lighting are provided in urban slums.

(c) In order to reduce the growth slums in cities, the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns was initiated during VI Five Year Plan and is still in operation. Under this scheme, Central assistance is provided to small and medium towns for infrastructure development works so that in-migration into large cities is reduced. Further, the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) provides loans to the economically weaker sections of society at a subsidized rate for catering to their housing and shelter upgradation needs.

Construction of Houses under the 20 point programme

341. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed for EWS and LIG under the 20 Point Programme;

(b) the state-wise break-up of the houses constructed under these programmes;

(c) whether it is a fact that HUDCO has been insisting on State Government's guarantee on the loans given for these schemes; and

(d) how many State Governments have agreed to the HUDCO's insistence on guarantees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Statement howing number of houses constructed for EWS and LIG under 20 Point Programme in various state is enclosed at Statement-I and Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) As per HUDCO's guidelines, a housing agency seeking Hudco's assistence can secure HUDCO loan by state Govt. guarantee, Bank Guarantee or mortagage of properties.

(d) Almost all the state Govts. have been providing state Guarantees to Hudco for its loans sanctioned to the state agencies undertaking cons-